

Vic Abernethy Has Fought His First-sacker Somerlott--Other Sporting News

MANAGERS TO DROP
THE SACRIFICE HITBase-runners and Hitters Are
Wanted in Future.

HIT AND RUN REAL FEATURE

Squeeze Play Also Likely to Be
Thrown Into Discard Pile, Says
Veteran--Unexpected Is Always the
Proper Caper, but the Other Fel-
lows Watch Things Too Closely.Farewell sacrifice hit.
Good-by squeeze play.
To the discard with bunts, too, as far
as systematized bunting is concerned.
"Hit the ball out with a good, healthy
swipe" will be the orders that managers
of baseball teams will give their players
hereafter, says Sam Crane, the well-
known baseball writer.The slugging will be told to slug, and
if home runs, triples, doubles, or singles
do not result it will be a case of "hit
'em off their shins," anyhow. So it will
not be surprising to see infielders wear-
ing cricket bats next season, as well as
catchers. Outfielders may wish they had
shin pads also, for there is going to be
some swatting from now on, and then
some.That the old stereotyped play of "laying
the ball down" to advance a runner who
may be on first base with none out is a
back number and not up-to-date base-
ball has gained many firm believers
among those people who make the game
a study.That base running and free batting
will supersede the "inside" business, so
called, of having a batsman purposely
sacrifice himself for a probable runner
and thus throw all chances but a very
slim one away of making a base hit, is
the transformation of the game of base-
ball as we see it next year is what I predict.Too Much Sacrificing.
Sacrifice hitting is all right if it can
be done unexpectedly, so as to catch the
other fellows napping, but that the play
has been carried altogether too far and
taken away not a little interest in the
sport is a fact. The play has in conse-
quence outlived its usefulness to a large
extent.The mere fact that the defense is invari-
ably "wise" to the play and can there-
fore perfect schemes to make it compar-
atively resultless, is sufficient to taboo it
from the plans of campaign of the next
season. Managers and captains who
look ahead a bit further than their own
noses can see, or they should, anyhow,
that any play that the opposing players
are "on" to is not the one to carry
through in the same old mechanical way
that has been followed so many years.The unexpected play is always a proper
caper, but none are to a large extent
fellow know what is coming off.
Bunting will never die out as long as
baseball is on the boards unless it is
ruled out, and that is never.I think about as pretty a feature of a
game is to see a speedy runner, like
Morris Rath, for instance, beat out to
first a perfectly placed bunt. Morris can
do this, and telegraph that he is
going to bunt. But all runners are not
Rath in getting down to the initial sac-
rifice.The "sacrifice," however, that every
player, as well as spectator, knows is to
come off, as well as the batter himself,
will be done away with to a large extent,
and then only when the infielders are not
laying for their particular play.Squeeze to Be Discarded.
The "sacrifice" has become so common,
so mechanical that it has long passed out
of what is known as "inside business."
It is all so plain that it is entirely on
the outside. Every one knows it. The
boys on the open lots play it, and the
"squeezers" that was a good and clever
point of play just so long as it was un-
expected is bound to be discarded, along
with the "sacrifice."With these two ex-inside plays done
away with as regular plays of the game,
more base running and free hitting are
bound to become more prominent, as they
deserve. The "hit and run" will be the
real thing in offense, and to select the
proper time for that play will be up to
the manager.Pitchers' styles of delivery will be care-
fully studied and every battery weakness
taken advantage of. Base runners and
hitters will have the call, and the play-
ers without the aid of a catcher's ex-
perience in those important departments will
not be considered classy. Mere fielding
ability will not carry any player very
far on the road to fame or fortune.McGraw Gives Up Sacrifice.
John McGraw was the first manager to
drift away from the "sacrifice." As for
the "squeeze," he never did take it seri-
ously, and the Giants never once tried
the play, that is, the "sucker play," not a very pretty
trick, but extremely expressive. He did
not allow it any use, anyhow.In the post-season series between the
Yankees and the Athletics, the "sacrifice"
with the Giants was scarcely ever tried.
It was a case of stealing bases or trying
to out-clout the ball. The "inside"
work pulled off was mostly in sizing up
the right moment to send the man on
base on a bunt or try for the batter to
do his part.Devore and Doyle tried for bunts at
times when least expected, but the "sac-
rifice" was discarded.
The Yankees did little sacrificing.
In the world's series, too, between the
Athletics and Cubs, there was a mini-
mum of sacrificing, even at times when
the first man at bat got first.The fact that hitting and more base
stealing will feature baseball games in
future will add interest to the sport.

INGRAM PLAYS FIRST GAME.

Basket-ball Team from Northeast
Meets Carroll To-night.The Ingram Memorial basketball team
will play its first game in the Washing-
ton City Basketball League to-night
representing Carroll Institute in the In-
stitute gymnasium at 8 p. m. Physical
Director Haas, of the Ingram gymnasia-
num, has some of the best basket tossers
in the District on his team, and the other
teams will have to wake up and take
them unless they want to be left be-
hind. Director Haas will have to be given
credit if the Ingram quint carries off
the championship, as the team broke
up after the first few weeks of practice
on account of a misunderstanding of the
players about the use of the gymnasium.
The line-up of the northeast quint has
not been announced but the team will go
on the floor with the strongest line-up
that they can present. Carroll is second
in the league standing, and is pitted
against such a strong quint right off the
reef will be a great handicap to the In-
gram quint.

TO DESTROY JUBILEE.

Another Cup Defender Scheduled for
the Junk Heap.The Jubilee, built for Gen. Charles
J. Paine to defend the America's Cup in
the same year as the Vigilant and Co-
lonia were built, is to be broken up. The
lead and steel fin of the yacht has been
sold through the Hollis Burgess Yacht
Agency, and will be cut up, and the hull
may be used for a houseboat by Gen.
Paine.The Jubilee was a 90-foot sloop and
was the last big sloop built by Gen.
Paine, who defended the America's Cup
with the Mayflower and the Volunteer.
The yacht was designed by Gen. Paine
and his son and built by Lawley in Bos-
ton in 1893. She was a ballast fin type of
vessel. Through her fin, which was
weighted with about forty tons of lead
bolted along both sides at the bottom, a
centerboard worked, and forward she had
a small board for use when on the wind.
The dimensions of the Jubilee were 123
feet over all, 84 feet on the water line,
25 feet beam, and 13.5 feet draft. She
was sailed by Capt. John Barr, the
Scottish skipper, who came here in the
Clara and later sailed the cup challenger
Thistle when that yacht was defeated by
the Volunteer, owned by Gen. Paine.

SHORT LENGTHS

Timely double play--Jamaica (un-
assisted).Joe Jackson, the youngster who
broke into fast company from New Or-
leans, swings the longest and heaviest
bat in the league.Another double play--Roast to
Fried to Hash.The Zanesville club is thinking of
dropping out of the Central League. The
club is indebted deeply.Although Harvard failed to beat
Yale, the critics pass her Eastern
pupil without batting an eye. How about
Pennsy?Johnny Kilbane had a shade over
Benny Kaufmann at Akron, Ohio, Thurs-
day night. The bout was fast. An Ak-
ron minister opened proceedings with
prayer.It's an ill wind that blows nobody
good. J. Armstrong Drexel, trying to fly
to Philadelphia, gets lost in the clouds
and lands in Trenton, which, as every
one knows, put him just that much
closer to a real city.We are told that Connie Mack does
not drink, smoke, chew, or swear, and is
good to his folks. With a great pitch-
ing staff and the most powerful of the
W. C. T. U., it is hard to figure out
how the Athletics can lose.Our old friend, Jack Doyle, of the
days of speedy Amos Rusie, wants to
get back in the game again. It's all
right--he wants to be an umpire.Connie Mack is not doing any
worrying on his European trip. The
"Longfellow" of baseball knows that he
has four dependable southpaws for next
season.That one sport-six-day bicycle
racing--gets its start next week in New
York, and, of course, those in the big
village will fall for it.Help! Ben Franklin Hunt, the
skinny Red Sox pitcher, is to marry a
young widow named Wolf. That kills
off all chances of ever calling Ben
Franklin H. a beauty, anyhow.Cy Young, baseball's grand old
man, although not so slender in the
region of the waist as he was once, is
passionately fond of fox chasing, and
can still navigate a hunter over timber
and across rough country.Detroit Team Is Shut-out.
Havana, Nov. 28.--The Detroit-Havana
baseball game to-day resulted in a victory
for the Cubans by the score of 3 to 0.
The batters were: Detroit, Case and
Willett; Havana, Gonzales and Petway.Well-known Colorado Turfman Says
He Is Innocent.
Lexington, Ky., Nov. 28.--The Kentucky
State Racing Commission, at a meeting
to-day, refused to reopen the case of
H. G. Bidwell, the Colorado turfman,
who was ruled out at Latonia last spring
for the alleged doping of the horse
Nadzu.Bidwell had filed with Secretary W. T.
Bidwell, of the association, a written ap-
peal for a rehearing, claiming that he has
secured undisputed evidence that he was
innocent of the charges brought
against him. Bidwell will probably make
an effort to race in Mexico, but it is more
likely that the management of the
Juarez track will honor the ruling of
the racing association.

DOWN THE ALLEYS.

G. P. O. LEAGUE.

Antiques.

COMMERCIAL DUCKPIN LEAGUE.

ARCADE DUCKPIN LEAGUE.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DUCKPIN LEAGUE.

PATENT EXAMINERS' LEAGUE.

B. R. Y. M. C. A. DUCKPIN LEAGUE.

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LARRY WILL NEVER
PLAY IN THE MINORSLajoie Will Quit When Use-
fulness Is Gone."How many years have Larry
Lajoie in major league baseball?"
prorounded an old fan the other day.
That's a pretty tough question to answer
when you come to consider what a re-
markable career is that of Lajoie.One of the best years in Larry's base-
ball history was the one which ended
last month. This season has surely been
a great one for the famous Frenchman.
Counting out men who have played in bat-
ting, and second by only one point. He
is credited with an average of .384, which
is surely a wonder for a man who has
been in baseball so long as Lajoie, and it
is also to his credit that he made more
hits last season than any other man.Lajoie won't ever go to the minors,
that is a certainty. "How long will he
play in the big leagues?" is a poser, but
it seems almost a cinch that he has a
few years left in him, anyway. Larry is
among the few players who started with
the American League in its earliest days,
and who is still playing with the Ameri-
can League, and still playing good ball.Lajoie joined the Athletics in 1901, and
since then his career has been one of
glory.He won't go over to the minors--be-
cause Lajoie says so. When the time
comes that he is unable to keep up the
pace he will retire from the game alto-
gether, and that, Larry says, is final and
absolute.Lajoie is thirty-five years old--there are
lots of fellows that old, and older, who
are still playing good ball and are likely
to continue doing so. What's more, he
hasn't taken care of himself. Just outside
of Cleveland, Larry owns the
finest eleven acres of farm land that a
ball player ever drove a plow over, and
when he is through with baseball, it will
be back to the soil for the batting king
of them all.Old Father Time, who, if we are to
credit the reports of quite a number of
people, has finally landed a K. O. wallop
on the Larry of the National League.
Larry doesn't seem able
to reach Lajoie. Following is the complete
record of Larry's most remarkable per-
formances during the period he has
played baseball. Look it over and see
if you don't think Larry has been one
of baseball's greatest careers.Year. G. AB. R. H. A.
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CAREER IS ENDEDOnce Durable Dane No Longer
Able to Stand Pace.Oscar Matthew Battling Nelson was
through. He may make a few more loud
howls through the newspapers and talk
of going at it again, but few will take
him seriously. When he was put down
and out by Owen Moran in the eleventh
round at San Francisco Saturday after-
noon nothing was left of this remarkable
fighter but his old bulldog fighting in-
stinct. He was as aggressive as ever
and as brave as ever, but his power to do
things had flown. He was partly up and
wholly down no less than five times in
the fatal round.It is no disgrace to be beaten by rugged
Owen Moran. But two years ago Nelson
would have been a 4 to 1 favorite.Of course, it had to come. The abnor-
mal body and iron jaw simply had to pay
the penalty of repeated failings. Nature
wouldn't have it any other way. Joe
Gans hit that jaw with all his power
behind the blow when Joe was good. He
did nothing but jar the Dane. Young
Corbett in his prime had an unobstructed
swing with his trusty right at that same
jaw. But Nelson won't get up again, and
back for more. So it went down the
line, until Wolgast kicked the champion-
ship off the tree. Nelson was passing
thick now he has passed.But in 1904 Spider Welch, a hard-
hitting almost-champion, went to San Fran-
cisco with a Salt Lake knockout charged
against him and a story of the toughest
man in the game. Welch was in the
hat of sending Jack Dempsey and having
them stay down when he was able to
plant his glove right. Nelson had been
his opponent. He had gone down all
right half dozen times, but violated all
of Spider's ethics by getting up again.
Finally, when Welch had tired himself
out hitting the Battler, he found Nelson
gaining in strength, and it was the
Spider who took the long count in the
eleventh round.So they picked Martin Canole, the
clever Fall River lad, as Nelson's trial
horse in San Francisco. Only a few regu-
lars turned out, and most of them were
early, after crying "Stop it!" until
they were hoarse. For ten rounds Nel-
son spent most of the time, when he
wasn't on the floor, either going down
or getting up. The janitor had to stay
to turn out the lights, and some place
spectators, who had no other place to
go, stuck for the finish.Canole wore himself out, and the Dane
started as Welch said he would. They
started Canole to the hospital in the
eleventh round.Eddie Hanlon had a try; same result.
Aurelia Herrera, who packed the wild-
est punches, didn't even ruffle the
Battler's garb. In fact, it was
down the line. The "hit him, it
won't hurt him" theory, it seems, it
couldn't make him quit. Every bat-
tle took some stamina until now--the
finish.This objection, it is claimed, can be
easily obviated by the slogging of the field.
Should Atlantic City own the work of the
diamond there. The grounds are barren of
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